THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 31st July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Irrigation Schemes included in the Five-year Plan.

* 293-K Q.—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Irrigation Schemes, the Government have recommended to the Government of India in the supplementary list to be included in the Five-year Plan ;

(*b*) whether the Vamsadhara Project Scheme has been included in that list ;

(*c*) what is the basis that has been adopted in making their recommendation ; and

(*d*) whether all the necessary investigations are completed in respect of those Irrigation Schemes which have been recommended to the Government of India?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Eleven.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The following bases laid down by the Planning Commission were adopted by this Government in making the recommendations :—

(1) Projects for inclusion in the Plan should have been investigated in sufficient detail from the technical, economic and financial points of view;

(2) Projects which will add to the food production of the country should receive priority over projects relating to other uses of waters ;

(3) Projects which are most remunerative—in terms of cost of irrigation per acre—and those which would yield results within a short time should be given preference ; and

(4) Region-wise requirements of food and power should receive due consideration, as also the needs of the backward areas.

" (*d*) Yes, to the extent needed for the purpose."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know whether the considerations mentioned by the Hon. Minister do not apply to the proposed Vamsadhara Scheme? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Vamsadhara Scheme has not been investigated in detail and, therefore, these considerations do not apply to it at present."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Have all the other schemes recommended by the Government of Madras been investigated completely? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer to this question has already been given in clause (*d*), namely, ' Yes, to the extent needed for the purpose '."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know the names of the irrigation schemes that have been recommended to be included in the supplementary list of the Five-year Plan? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" They are the Krishna-Pennar Project, the Vaigai Reservoir Scheme, the Gandikota Scheme, the Amaravathi Scheme, the Kannarajapuja Scheme, Sattam Project, the Budameru Reservoir Scheme, the Krishnagiri Reservoir Scheme, certain Grow More Food and minor irrigation projects, the Ramapadasagar Project and the Tungabhadra High Level Canal."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Vamsadhara Project has been investigated from the technical, economic and financial points of view and what the aspects which remain uninvestigated with regard to this Project are? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Project has not been investigated in detail from any point of view. Only the preliminary investigation is going on. Three sites have been selected for the location of a dam and the final selection has not yet been made. It was expected to be made by the end of July 1952."

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIYAR :—" As many hon. Members are putting questions to elicit information as to whether a particular scheme has been included in the Five-year Plan or in the Post-war Development Plan, will the Government be pleased to supply the hon. Members with a copy of the schemes that have been included either in the Five-year Plan or in the Post-war Development Plan, in respect of all the departments? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It will be considered."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" Is it a fact that the investigation of the Vamsadhara Project has been stopped? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

SRI V. P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Has the Nandivada Project for Nagavalli been included in the minor irrigation projects? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I am sorry I cannot give that information now because a number of minor irrigation projects which were under execution have been included."

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SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—“ అయ్యా, ఇంతకు ముందు జనరల్ డిస్కషన్‌లో ప్రధానమంత్రిగారు క్రిష్ణా-పెన్నారు ప్రాజెక్టు విషయంలో ప్రభుత్వము ఏమి చేయలేదని, దానిపైన రిపోర్టు వచ్చిన తరువాతనే ఆలోచిస్తామని చెప్పారు. అయితే ఇప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు దీనిని ప్రణాళికలో చేర్చినారని అంటున్నారు. ఈ విధంగా చెప్పడం ప్రధానమంత్రి చేసిన వాగ్దానానికి విరుద్ధము గాదా ?”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ దీనిని ప్రణాళికలో చేర్చ లేదండి. సప్లిమెంటరీ ప్లానులో చేర్చమని సిఫార్సు మాత్రమే రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వము చేసియున్నది.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ In view of the fact that the cost of the schemes recommended to be included in the supplementary plan is of the order of Rs. 300 crores or Rs. 320 crores and in view of the fact that the Central Government promised to allot only about Rs. 50 crores for the supplementary Five-year Plan, will the Government take the Members of the Opposition also into their confidence, have a representative committee to go into the details of the various schemes, and then make a revised recommendation to the Planning Commission ? ”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ The Madras Government have already recommended eleven schemes for inclusion in the supplementary plan. After the report is received from the Central Government as to what schemes have been included in the supplementary plan, the question raised by the Leader of the Opposition may be considered.”

Stationing of Special Armed Police at Jaggayyapet.

* 294 Q.—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Special Armed Police are stationed at Jaggayyapet ; and

(*b*) if so, how many ?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ (*a*) & (*b*) It will defeat the purpose of security measures which the Government feel to be necessary if contemporaneously such information as is asked for is given.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ The reply 8.40 a.m.
was that it will defeat the very purpose for which these forces are intended, I know definitely that these forces are stationed there and they are harassing the people there. In view of the fact that even in Hyderabad there is an elected Government in power, may I know for what purpose and how many of them have been stationed in that area ? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, the general purpose is to keep the anti-social elements there under control and for providing bandobust in the border and other villages where trouble is apprehended. I cannot give the details asked for. If I tell here that so many of them are stationed there, then they will be overpowered.”